

MRS. MOHR SOBBINGLY TELLS JURY THAT DOCTOR LOVED HER; DENIES PLOTTING TO KILL HIM

Defendant, in Second Day on Stand, Recounts Events of Evening of Tragedy and Denies Prior Meetings With Negroes To Plan Slaying.

Says She Thought Doctor Loved Her, Despite Ill Treatment, and Swears She Never Would Have Divorced Him—Is Calm During Ordeal.

Providence, Jan. 27.—That she would never have divorced her husband and that she believed he still loved her, despite their quarrels, was the testimony today of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr who with two negroes, C. Victor Moore and Henry H. Spellman, is charged with the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr.

It was Mrs. Mohr's second day on the stand in her own defense. In addition to declaring her beliefs that she could effect a reconciliation with her husband, she denied testimony by the doctor's chauffeur that she had plotted the murder.

Several times during her recital, Mrs. Mohr sobbed aloud.

When she resumed the stand today, Mrs. Mohr, questioned further by her counsel, Arthur Cushing, told of a reconciliation in 1913 followed soon by the final break.

They made up on Christmas eve, she said, and had Christmas dinner together when she gave him a present. Later, the witness said, her husband was unkind to her and she told him that she was going to a convent where boarders were taken in Newport. Mrs. Mohr said that at the time she filed her suit for separate maintenance the doctor was earning \$20,000 a year but she asked for an allowance of only \$100 a month. She attached his property and refused his request to have the attachment released.

On one occasion Mrs. Mohr said the doctor threw her fur coat out of the back room and told Albert Furuseth, one of the servants, to take it to one of his friends in Providence.

The witness said that she signed over her property to the doctor as a result of his threats.

"I thought I had a right to get it back," she said, "because he was so cruel to me," she added.

"Did you ever intend to get an absolute divorce from him?"

"No, sir; I would never have divorced my husband. I wanted no one else and cared for no one else. I felt that deep down in his heart he loved me, no matter who he went around with."

Mrs. Mohr said that threatening letters she sent to Rooks, brother-in-law of the doctor's secretary, Miss Emily Burger, in 1914, was for the sole purpose of "scaring Miss Burger away from my husband." She admitted having seen George Heals before she went to McEwenville, Pa., to visit relatives of her husband, and that she saw him a week after she returned. This was before the murder.

"Heals could not come right away after I got home," she added, "but he sent Henry Spellman to tell me what had happened. That was the first time I saw Spellman. On June 1, 1915, Heals brought me some tickets for the circus."

Mrs. Mohr said she went to Newport to the Montpelier hotel on August 13, 1915, and talked to Victor Brown on that day.

"I saw Brown near the stable," she said, "and I asked him where my two horses were. Victor told me they were in pasture. To show my friendly character I then went into the stable and into the harness room. I asked Victor where my saddle was. He said 'Here it is.' I said 'Why haven't you got it covered?' That's an expensive saddle."

"That's all I said to him."

Mrs. Mohr said she was at home on Reservoir avenue on the night of August 26, 1915, a few days before her husband was killed. The night before Brown and Heals visited her at her home that night, as Heals testified.

"No, sir; I never laid eyes on them that night."

"Did you give Victor Brown \$20 that night or give him money for a motorcycle at any other time?"

"No."

She denied the testimony of Heals that she sent for him on August 27. "Heals telephoned me that day," she said, "and asked me to let Charles go down to Newport that evening. I refused on account of Miss Burger going down there."

"What Tuesday night was it that Brown called you and told you of his discharge from Dr. Mohr's employ?"

"The night of the tragedy."

Mrs. Mohr denied that Brown and Heals were present at her house about 8:30 o'clock. The night Brown claims the murder plot was hatched.

"They were never in my house to bother me," she asserted.

"Between 8 and 7 p. m. August 31, the night of the tragedy," said Mrs. Mohr. "Heals came to my house and

SOUGHT FOR KILLING TWO WITH AXE, HE PLUNGES TO DEATH FROM HIGH WINDOW

New York, Jan. 27.—The body of a man who died in the hospital today shortly after jumping from the third floor of an uptown hotel, was identified by Sidney Schublin, a relative, as that of Nathan Pullman, the retired Chicago insurance agent who was being sought on the charge of having murdered his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Pullman, and daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Bazel, in a Bronx apartment, yesterday. The suicide died without regaining consciousness. The letter found in his pockets contained the phrase "The wages of sin is death."

Pullman registered at the hotel early last evening as "Mr. Jones and wife," telling a clerk that "Mrs. Jones" would join him about 8 o'clock. No one went to the man's room, however, and he was not seen again about the hotel until his body was found on the sidewalk.

Pullman was seen leaving the Bronx apartment about four hours before the bodies of his wife and daughter were found. The skulls of both women had been crushed in with a hatchet

which was found under a bed. Friends said Pullman had come here from Chicago for a reunion with his family and was believed to have carried \$5,000 in currency when he left the apartment.

One of the letters found on Pullman was addressed to the "News-Papers and everybody." It had good-bye to "everybody" and continued: "I guess I will make good. I am going away on a long journey."

In a rambling, disjointed manner, the writer advised the people "not to worry over these two" as they were now better off and "there is no good in making a fuss over something that can't be helped." There was no signature to the note.

In another letter addressed to a medical institution, Pullman donated his body "for the study and progress of science."

"What I wrote this," the letter continued, "I thought I would not have to jump from the fourth story to die but I was disappointed. But to make sure I had to jump from the fourth story."

PUPIL PUMMELS PRINCIPAL AFTER CHASING TEACHER

Michael Esposito Bites Everett Cortwright's Leg in Classroom.

Michael Esposito, 11-year-old champion of the "Frontier territory," decisively defeated Everett E. Cortwright, principal of Shelton school, in an interesting four-round boxing exhibition staged in the principal's office yesterday morning. He was sentenced today to the Reform School for Boys at Meriden, when arraigned before Judge Frank L. Wilder in city court.

"Mickey" is the leader of a gang of school urchins living in the "Frontier territory," bordering on Madison, Jackson and Capitol avenues and these boys, who are pupils at Shelton school, have caused their teachers and the principal considerable annoyance by hurling stones at pedestrians.

The champion of the Frontier had a grudge to settle with another pupil in room six at Shelton school and yesterday morning he assailed his enemy in the school room. He then attacked the teacher and she ran screaming to the room of Principal Cortwright. Finally Cortwright admitted that he had enough and rushing to the principal's office he called police headquarters and Truant Officer Richard Larkin was dispatched to the scene.

The champion, Michael Esposito, who lives at 294 Wheeler avenue; Alfred Flood, 13, of 202 Capitol avenue; John Samperi, age 13, and Angelo Samperi, 11, both of 762 Madison avenue, and Benjamin Buckley, 13 years old, of 762 Madison avenue, were arrested, charged as being incorrigible.

In city court today Esposito was sentenced to the Reform School at Meriden and the rest of the Frontier gang were placed in care of Probation Officer Simpson for one year.

The Samperi boys are sons of the family reputed to be living in a cobble's shanty and chicken coop. The board of health referred the case to the charities department and efforts will be made to have the children committed to the County Home by order of the probate court.

Guardian of Girl

Hit By Automobile

Sues For Damages

Crouch & Plassman, local bakers, have been sued for \$5,000 by George Molones, guardian of Sophie Molones. He says the girl was seriously injured when struck by the defendants' automobile last Nov. 26 at Main street and South avenue.

It is alleged that the girl's lower lip was torn from the jaw, which will cause a permanent disfigurement. The suit is returnable to the superior court, February term.

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S BAG IS MISSING

The police today are searching for a medical bag of brown leather containing the instruments used in mortuary work by Medical Examiner Samuel M. Garlick, of 474 State street. These were last seen on the running board of Dr. Garlick's car when standing in front of his home.

STILL HOPE TO SAVE WILLIAMS FROM GALLOWS

Supreme Court Denies Appeal But Attorneys Expect Developments.

Though the supreme court sitting in Hartford today handed down a decision denying the appeal of Isaac N. Williams, of this city, and Harry E. Roe, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from execution of the death sentence for the murder of Hubert E. Case of Barkhamsted, counsel for the defense did not give up hope of saving the lives of the accused.

Attorney Charles Shapiro, of the firm of Shapiro & Shapiro, which has defended Williams said: "The decision rendered in Hartford today is against setting aside the verdict of the jury that convicted Williams and Roe for murder upon the ground that the weight of evidence presented was not sufficient upon which to render a verdict of guilty."

"In the meantime upon facts recently disclosed to us, we have filed a petition for a new trial upon the ground that newly discovered evidence is such as will acquit both men. The appeal is returnable in Litchfield the first Tuesday in February, though a date of hearing has not been set."

BOND SALESMAN HERE IS SUED BY HIS EMPLOYERS

E. S. Hodgman, Resident in The Stratfield, Alleged to Have Overdrawn.

Suit was instituted in the common pleas court today by G. W. Brooks & Co., of 60 Broadway, New York, to recover \$1,500 alleged to be due on notes and overdraft on account, by E. S. Hodgman, a well-to-do bond salesman residing at the Stratfield.

It is alleged that the action was made at the hotel last night by Deputy Sheriff Thomas J. Cunningham. The case is returnable during the March term of court.

The allegations of complaint set forth that Hodgman was employed by the complainant company to sell stocks and bonds in this city and that he gave a note for \$500 for moneys advanced, which note has never been paid. It is also asserted that the defendant has left the employ of the company and that it has been discovered his account has been overdrawn to the extent of \$1,500.

An attempt to locate Mr. Hodgman at the Stratfield today elicited the information that he gave up his room last night but was expected to return late tonight or tomorrow.

Hatters' Day Is

Being Observed

Throughout Nation

Union men throughout the country are observing today as Hatters' Day. It is also the birthday of Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor.

Donations are being made all over the country to alleviate the distress of the Danbury hatters, whose homes are about to be taken away by foreclosure.

It is expected that Bridgeport unions, whose members are giving the equivalent of one hour's pay, will contribute several thousand dollars.

GRANDCHILDREN TO BATTLE FOR DUNN'S ESTATE

Milkman Left Fortune From Sale of Sites to U. M. C. Plant.

SON'S WIDOW TAKES PRELIMINARY STEPS

Contents That Late Husband Laid Foundation of Dunn Fortune.

Distribution of the fortune of William Dunn, for many years owner of land now occupied by the Union Metallic Cartridge Co.'s new munition plants along Seaview avenue, will be the object of a legal battle in the probate court here.

As a preliminary step, Mrs. Anna Dunn of Shelton is applying to the probate court of this city to be made guardian of her three children, Anna W., John and Margaret Dunn. She is the widow of John F. Dunn, the eldest son of William Dunn.

William Dunn died shortly after New Year's day, and within a few months of the final sale of properties to the Remington interests by which he became independently wealthy.

The late William Dunn was a milkman and farmer and one of the oldest and most widely known residents of West Stratford. The Dunn homestead faced to the east in Seaview avenue near Boston avenue and north of the homestead was an apple orchard and still farther north a cow pasture.

When John F. Dunn married Anna Costello, who is now, on behalf of her children, preparing to contest their grandfather's will, the Dunn family did not look with favor on the match and it was some time before a reconciliation was effected between the bride and the members of the family. In the meantime John F. Dunn and his bride went to live in a house that he had helped his father to build.

John aided his father in the milk business and also directed a trucking and moving business which his father carried on in the East End. While he was on the road as an employee, rather than a partner, he died. His widow, shortly afterward, took her children, Anna W., John and Margaret Dunn and went to Shelton, where she was under the impression that the ground that these children are entitled to share in their grandfather's estate because of the work performed by their father, that suit will be brought.

In his will, which is a very brief document, Mr. Dunn left all he possessed to his widow, Margaret Dunn. The will was drawn by Attorney James H. O'Rourke and is one of the most terse documents ever submitted for probate here. The will is so clear in its dictation that lawyers who have seen it, accord the idea that by any legal process, it may be set aside as defective.

It is estimated Mr. Dunn possessed property in Ogden street totaling at least \$40,000. The Dunn property extended from just above Ivy street, on the west side of Seaview avenue, to Boston avenue, and there were several other parcels of property. Mr. Dunn for many years carried on a milk and trucking business in the East End.

With the shrewd foresight by which he preserved the property, he weighed the advances made to him by agents of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. before disposing of his holdings. When Charles Beach, who bought many acres of land in the East End for that company approached him, Mr. Dunn decided to await developments. Mr. Beach also had been a milk seller, a wood seller and an ice man in the East End. Mr. Dunn knew there was something more than a transfer to Beach if the deal went through.

Some of the property, which had been the apple orchard and the cow pasture, stood in the names of his daughters, Margaret and Nellie Dunn, and their father advised them to wait.

The price he finally obtained for the property, which is now owned by the Remington Arms and Ammunition Co. and on which some of the factory buildings now stand, marks a record for increase in real estate valuations in this city and particularly for the rise in values in real estate in that part of the city.

It is believed that Mr. Dunn's daughter-in-law will set the claim that her husband aided in establishing the property in Seaview avenue; that while Margaret and Nellie also aided, they received their share because part of the property was placed in their names and they later sold to advantage. As for former Alderman William Dunn it will be claimed that some time ago he received any share in the estate he might be entitled to. Former Alderman Dunn conducted a confectionery and news business now carried on by William G. Wotten in Seaview avenue. Afterward Alderman Dunn bought the grocery store and postoffice of old West Stratford.

Attorney Thomas C. Coughlin is counsel for Mrs. Dunn and her children. Attorney Thomas M. Cullinan has been retained by Margaret, Nellie and William Dunn, children of the deceased.

VATICAN REPORTS AUSTRIAN RULER DANGEROUSLY ILL

Rome, Jan. 27.—It is reported in Vatican circles that the condition of Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, who has been ill for several days, is rapidly growing worse.

PLACES FRENCH LOSSES AT TOTAL OF 2,500,000

Bristol, Jan. 27.—M. Longuet, a French socialist deputy who addressed the labor conference today, on being questioned regarding the French losses said that 800,000 soldiers had been killed, that 1,400,000 had been wounded and that 300,000 had been taken prisoners.

MACHINISTS TO INSITUTE LONG DRIVE IN WEEK

Preliminary Campaign For 8-Hour Day All Ready For Start.

CIRCUIT SPEAKERS NAMED FOR WORK

Bridgeport's Labor Defense Fund Accumulates For Expected Use.

George J. Bowen, business agent of the International Association of Machinists, Local No. 30, announced today that the general campaign for an eight-hour day will have its beginning in Bridgeport next week.

Ten circuit speakers will tour Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the first will appear here within a few days. Meetings will be held once a week all winter.

The purpose is to educate the machinists concerning what has been obtained by union members. The drive is merely a preparatory campaign, for the spring drive that is expected to convert all Bridgeport manufacturers engaged in machine work to the eight-hour day.

The Labor Defense Fund will be ready by spring, when it will be used to protect the workmen from abuses such as they suffered last summer.

The machinists expect to raise more than \$500 for the Danbury hatters. In conjunction with organized labor throughout the United States, Bridgeport unions are selling tags for one hour's pay to union members. The equivalent of the hour's labor in cash will go into a fund being raised by the Federation of Labor for the relief of the 180 defendants in the famous Danbury, Conn., case. The case, which reached its final stage in the district court here last week when a writ was issued for the sale of the property taken under attachment in the boycott suit. There are 185 parcels of property, mostly the modest little homes of the men who were named among the defendants.

Counsel for the hatters obtained the privilege of having each piece of real estate sold separately on the premises instead of in bulk at an auctioneer's block in the county court house. The homes taken on foreclosure are in Danbury, Bethel and Newwalk.

On Jan. 8, in conformity with a vote of the American Federation of Labor convention held in San Francisco recently, President Samuel Gompers issued an appeal to organized labor in this form: "Will you give an hour of your labor in a righteous cause on Hatters' Day, Jan. 27, 1916?"

Molders and coremakers of Bridgeport, protesting empty attacks against the adoption of conscription in any form, as it is against the spirit of British democracy and will be a danger to the liberties of the people."

The resolution followed: "Resolved, that this national labor party protest against the adoption of conscription in any form, as it is against the spirit of British democracy and will be a danger to the liberties of the people."

The other resolution placed before the congress follows: "This conference declares its opposition to the military service bill, and in the event of it becoming law decides to agitate for its repeal."

AUTO BANDITS IN DAYLIGHT RAID ON BANK GET \$15,000

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Four robbers armed with revolvers entered the Washington-Park National bank in East 63rd street today, threatened the lives of the cashier, clerks and 20 depositors and escaped with between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

One of the employees, who was ordered to stand facing the wall, was searched by the bandits who gave their attention to the teller's cage. After grabbing the money the four hastily backed to the door and escaped in an automobile.

Assistant Cashier McCauley started in pursuit in another automobile but was outdistanced.

J. Garland Stahl, manager of the Boston-Americans, when club won the world's championship in 1901, is president of the Washington-Park National bank, with which he became connected on leaving the Boston team.

Government Troops Rout Chinese Rebels

Peking, Jan. 27.—Three thousand government troops from the province of Kwangsi have entered Yunnan province and defeated a force of 1,000 revolutionists there.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably rain; colder Friday.

SUFFRAGISTS REFUSED AND BY PRESIDENT

Delegation of Leaders Told At New York Interview That Question is One For States to Decide.

Leaders Conduct Exchange of Notes Before They Are Received By Executive—Busy Day Planned.

New York, Jan. 27.—President Wilson and a delegation of 200 members of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage exchanged a series of notes today and the women won a diplomatic victory by inducing the President to grant them an interview.

The interview was disappointing to the suffragists, however, as the President refused his support to the movement for a constitutional amendment favoring suffrage. He held that the question is one for the states to decide. The President refused to be cross-examined by one of his visitors.

When the President arrived here this morning he found 200 suffragists awaiting him in a parlor near the suite he and Mrs. Wilson occupied at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Secretary Tumulty said that as the President required considerable time in which to finish preparing his speech he would not be able to see the women or address them. On receipt of this the women held a hurried council, drew up a second note and dispatched it by the manager of the hotel. The suffragists told the President they did not wish him to address them but they did want to "tell him some things about the Susan B. Anthony amendment bill now before Congress." Again the reply was in the negative.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, one of the prominent suffrage leaders, was then called on the telephone and asked to direct the next move. Twice she dictated notes which the manager was prevailed upon to deliver at the Presidential suite.

Between two of the manager's trips as a messenger, Mrs. Mary Beard, wife of a professor at Columbia University, urged the delegation to remain in the hotel in an effort to see the President and request him to advocate suffrage.

"Suffrage is ever so much more important than preparedness," said the speaker. It was not until he had replied to four notes that the President agreed to make the suffragists, saying he had concluded his speech preparation before he had expected to.

The President addressed the delegation briefly. He declined to support the movement for an amendment to the Federal constitution providing for woman suffrage, saying that he felt that the suffrage question should be dealt with by each individual state.

Efforts made by Mrs. Mary Beard to cross-examine the President on his opinion met with failure. He refused courteously to reply to her questions.

The President apologized to the women for not seeing them earlier, but told them he had been at work since arriving in New York. He added that "it may be that my mind works slowly, but I have always thought that there were things to be made more lasting. I may be a little old fashioned in my view that the suffrage question should be handled by the states."

The President frankly admitted to the suffragists that he had promised several months ago to discuss with leaders of Congress the suffrage question, but other matters of legislation, he said, had come up which he thought demanded preference.

"There are things that cannot wait," said the President. "Action on great constitutional matters must be deliberate."

President Wilson arrived here at 6 a. m. today, to face a program calling for a reception by clergymen, the delivery of addresses before two business organizations and the probability that he would be interviewed by a delegation of German-Americans who want him to persuade the British government to permit the shipment of milk from America for babies in Germany.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, his secretary, Joseph Tumulty, and Dr. Cory T. Grayson. The party remained on board the train in the Pennsylvania station until 3 a. m. when a committee from the Railroad Business association arrived to escort them to the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

BRITISH FORCES IN ARABIA FACE GRAVEST DANGER

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The Cologne Volks Zeitung publishes a despatch from Cairo stating that the British in southern Arabia are in a dangerous position as a result of fierce attacks by Arabs and Turks. It is stated the British casualties up to Dec. 26 amounted to 15,000 killed and 20,000 wounded.

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